

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2220 - SB 2306

February 23, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner to conduct a review of a veteran's medical records to determine if a service-connected disability was the principal or major contributory cause of death, including when concurrent or comorbid health conditions exist involving COVID-19, prior to signing the medical certification of the cause of death.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to information gathered from the Department of Health, there were 71,936 deaths in Tennessee in 2019.
- The United States Census Bureau reports approximately 6.2 percent of Tennesseans are veterans. Therefore, it can be assumed that there are approximately 4,532 ($71,936 \times 6.2\%$) veteran death each year.
- The proposed legislation is not expected to require an increase in physicians, chief medical officers, or medical examiners in order to review veterans' medical records.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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